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In re Application of:

Gunter HOMMEL

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For: **ATTACHMENT DEVICE FOR  
ATTACHING A FIRST COMPONENT  
TO A SECOND COMPONENT**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This paper is being provided in response to the Final Office Action dated May 30, 2006, for the above-captioned U.S. patent application and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged in two originally-executed copies of a Transmittal Letter filed herewith.